

# **CACP POLICING WITH FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT PEOPLES COMMITTEE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT 2016 – 2017**

### **Introduction**

The Policing with First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples (PWFNMIP) Committee is actively pursuing a renewed mandate with an enthusiastic membership that brings together broad representation of Canadian police services and stakeholders. This Committee offers an important mechanism to ensure that the needs and circumstances of Canada's Indigenous peoples are recognized and addressed in keeping with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) mission of safety and security for all Canadians through innovative police leadership.

### **Committee Mandate**

The PWFNMIP Committee mandate is to consider matters relating to sustainable policing services and enhanced public safety for Indigenous peoples and their communities throughout Canada. This focus reflects a strong alignment with the CACP's mission and objectives, as adopted at the Association's Annual General Meeting in August 2013. The Committee is intent on working collaboratively and meaningfully toward the common purpose of the CACP.

### **Committee Structure and Priorities**

The Committee retained its Committee Co-Chair structure through 2016 – 2017 and successfully added to its membership through representation from urban areas with significant indigenous populations. Co-Chair Chief Superintendent Shirley Cullierrier of the RCMP was replaced by Inspector Kim Taplin of the RCMP. The Committee meeting schedule includes fall and spring meetings, with the possibility of additional meetings, either in person or via teleconference.

The Committee's strategic priorities for 2016 – 2017 were reviewed and confirmed at its spring meeting:

1. Working with the Missing Murdered Indigenous Women's Inquiry, and assisting all Canadian Police Agencies in their support of the inquiry.
2. Sustainability for policing with First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.
3. Focus efforts on diversion from incarceration practices that will contribute to a reduction in the number of Indigenous People in the Criminal Justice System.

Committee meetings through the 2016 – 2017 term provided the venue for information sharing in terms of common interests, challenges and priorities with particular emphasis on strong, issue-based content and discussion and collection of best practices in relation to the identified strategic priorities.

## **2016 – 2017 Highlights**

Highlights include:

- 1) In response to the Government announcement on the pipelines in November 2016, there were discussions on police preparedness for large scale protests and continued situational awareness that may stimulate a ripple of protest events across the country.
- 2) Information sharing and discussions focused on common challenges of participating Police Agencies primarily around the First Nations Policing Program (FNPP), recruitment, restorative justice, youth engagement and community wellness including life preservation, and the drug crisis (fentanyl) in Indigenous communities.
- 3) Status update presentations, and Canadian Police Agency role supporting the MMIW Inquiry.

The Committee meeting schedule for 2016 – 2017:

- November 2016– Toronto, Ontario
- March 2017– Toronto, Ontario
- July 2017 – Montreal, Quebec
- November 2017 – Toronto, Ontario

## **Planned initiatives for 2017-2018**

- Continued and ongoing engagement as it relates to MMIW
- Roll out best practices nationally on protest management
- Examine diversion from incarceration promising practices

## **Strategic Priorities 2016 – 2017**

In keeping with the CACP mission and objectives, the PWFNMIP Committee will address key priorities in the year ahead with the objective of furthering the Committee's previously identified strategic priorities.

These include:

1. Sustainability for policing with First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples:
  - Examine and promote opportunities to address issues of long-term sustainability of effective and culturally-responsive policing for First Nations and Inuit communities, in keeping with Resolution 2013 – 04.
2. Measured and consistent approach to protest management:
  - Examine and canvass police service best practices and pertinent legislation governing protest management across policing jurisdictions to support development of:
    - i) best practice resource;

- ii) training opportunities;
  - iii) model policy / guideline for Canadian police services.
3. Violence against Indigenous women and girls:
- Advocate for and contribute to work that would increase the safety and security of women and girls, including prevention of crime and victimization, examining and sharing best practices and procedures, continued support for sustainability of First Nations / Inuit policing.
  - Seek to work collaboratively with other CACP Committees, including Victims of Crime and Crime Prevention Committees.

## Committee Members

Insp. Dan Jones, Co-Chair	Edmonton Police Service
Insp. Kim Taplin, Co-Chair	RCMP National Aboriginal Policing Service
A/Commr. Shirley Cuillierier (former Co-Chair)	RCMP Reconciliation and MMIWG
S/Sgt. Bob Christmas	Winnipeg Police Service
Chief JP Levesque	Thunder Bay Police Service
David Snoddy, Director	Ottawa Police Service
Chief Jerry Swamp	Akwesasne Mohawk Police
C/Supt. Curtis Zablocki	RCMP “F” Division
Supt. Brian Ford	Fredericton Police Service
Insp. Jacqui Genaille	Dakota Ojibway Police Service
Supt. Mitch Yuzdepski	Saskatoon Police Service
Chief Dwayne Zacharie	Kahnawake Peacekeepers
A/Chief Kyle Melting Tallow	Blood Tribe Police Service
Insp. Marcie Flamand	Vancouver Police Department
Supt. Paul Mackie	Ontario Provincial Police
Annie LeBlanc, Senior Director	Public Safety Canada
A/Commr. Brenda Butterworth-Carr	RCMP “E” Division
Supt. Tammy Pozzobon	Calgary Police Service
Supt. Robert Johnson	Toronto Police Service
D/Chief Dean Rae	Regina Police Service
Chief Robert Davis	Lethbridge Regional Police Service
D/Chief Al Sauve	CP Police Service

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